

WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—The officials of the air service regard West Virginia as "rough and dangerous terrain" and they are not going to start any aeroplanes into that state any more soon. That is the upshot of a conference that Senator Elkins had with Major O. T. Menchor. The Senator was trying to get an aeroplane for a celebration to be held at Buckhannon on September 1st. Positively nothing doing.

The government lost several machines in West Virginia on the Fourth and that it didn't lose an aviator or two was due to good luck. They had several others smashed up there in the few weeks preceding the Fourth. Furthermore, the aviation officials say that they haven't machines or flyers for any more exhibitions than they have already booked for the rest of the summer. The best part of the air service is being mobilized on the Mexican border, they say.

Flying over a mountainous region like West Virginia is "rough work" and dangerous, the birdmen who have tried it declare. There is the chance that a flyer may be forced down at any minute and good places to land are few and far between. The high mountains create dangerous air pockets and "still chambers," and about all the atmospheric freaks known to the business.

It can be stated definitely that there isn't the slightest chance of getting any flying exhibitions staged in West Virginia by the government this year, and ambitious local committees on celebrations are but wasting their time, and that of the members of the state delegation in Congress, by applying.

The High Cost of Living in the District of Columbia is the complex and mysterious subject that a sub-committee of the Senate has got down to work on. Senator Davis Elkins is a member of the sub-committee. It is felt that if something can be found out as to cause something might be done to ameliorate the effect, but it must be said that the problems are not particularly sanguine or achieving a startling success. A study of the H. C. of L. chart shows the National Capital heads the list of cities as the costliest place to live. Food, rents, clothes—everything is higher here than anywhere else, and how most of the residents manage to stay on here is one of the surprising and unaccountable problems that nobody has a satisfying answer for. There is no poorer paid intelligent class than government clerks and, while the bonus of \$240 that Congress doled out to them on July 1st, was a welcome help, it was but a drop in the bucket. A day or so ago, the House passed the Nolan minimum wage bill fixing \$3 a day as the lowest wage for a government employee. This bill, if it becomes a law, will help out that class of employees outside of the classified service most, and they need it most. Rep. John Nolan, of California, has devoted his talents and efforts almost exclusively to this bill for seven years. Before he went to California, he was a resident of Wheeling and worked in the steel mills there. He is a labor congressman. There is nothing wild nor radical about him; he is a level-headed but progressive man, and he is highly esteemed by the entire membership of the House. To help out the women employed in the stores and general mercantile establishments of Washington a new minimum wage scale went into effect this week for them. The arrangement was agreed to by a committee composed of representatives of the Merchants' Association, the saleswomen and working girls in the printing and other trades, and the minimum wage board, a quasi-official body. There wasn't a serious hitch in reaching the agreement—\$16.50 the minimum weekly wage. It was unanimously agreed that that was the very lowest wage that a Washington saleswoman can live on. And a good many people in Washington wonder how they can do it on that.

"I do not know who else may be candidates for the Republican nomination for governor, but I know that Hon. Edward Cooper will be," declared James O. Thomas, of Mullens, Wyoming county, all inquiring politicians from the state who, knowing his close friendship and business association with Mr. Cooper, sought him for information as to the Bramwell man's intentions. Continuing on the subject, Mr. Thomas said: "Mr. Cooper has never denied that he intends to be a candidate in the primary, but has for months answered all inquiries that he expects to be a candidate. His friends throughout the state know it well and are doing what they can to promote sentiment favorable to him in their respective communities. Because he has not formally published a signed announcement is no reason to believe that he has changed his mind about it. It is far too early for a candidate to take that step. When the proper time comes, and formal announcements are due and in style, he will go to the press of the state. In the meantime, he and his friends are at work, and feel greatly encouraged."

He has promises of substantial support in all sections of the state. The Fifth district which, for four years, he so ably represented in Congress, will stand by his gubernatorial candidacy by a big majority. But his strength is not so locally restricted as that; he has a strong following, for instance, in the Second district. In fact, in every part of the state, he has strength with the party leaders and the rank and file." Mr. Thomas, while here called on Senators Sutherland and Elkins, and the Republican members on the State delegation.

In the Senate, Senator Sutherland introduced a special bill to increase the pension of Mrs. Sarah A. Bryan of Parkersburg, to \$50 a month. In the House, Representative Reed introduced similar bills, each providing for a pension of \$20 a month for William C. Cline, of Adamston, and Martin K. Wright of Ellenboro. Senator Sutherland also presented in the Senate petitions sent from Weston, Huntington and Sistersville asking for increases in the wages paid postal employees. The Senator's office postal a release and increased pension for John Wright of Belington—\$40 a month from October 23, 1918.

Securing recognition from the Speaker of the House, Representative Reed did a courteous thing for an absent colleague on Tuesday, when he presented and asked to have inserted in the Congressional Record the address delivered at the great miners' Fourth of July celebration at Windling Gulf, W. Va., by Representative L. S. Echols. The speech has been the subject of much favorable comment upon the part of those who heard it delivered or who read excerpts from it. A large part of it is given to a studious discussion of the covenant of the league of nations. Mr. Echols is at present in France with a congressional inspecting and investigating committee. The House unanimously granted Mr. Reed's request.

Delegations from the Logan County Coal Association and individual operators in that field, protesting coal shortage and asking relief, took Senator Sutherland to a conference with officials of the Railroad Administration who promised to take immediate action to restore the car supply to the mines. As a result of the conference orders were given that 2000 new and unused coal cars in storage be released at once and put into service on the C. & O. Senator Sutherland was informed that there were 8378 more coal cars assigned to that railroad July 15 than on July 15, 1918, but with fewer placements and less loading; that on June 1 there were 4514 shop cars awaiting repairs, and there was delay there on account of scarcity of labor. This probably accounts to a certain extent for the repeated periods of car shortage in the C. & O. region. Orders were given as a result of Senator Sutherland's visit, to use every means to get these cars repaired and into service without further delay.

A bill to clear up the military record of John Lyons of Martinsburg was introduced in the upper branch of Congress by Senator Sutherland; he filed an application for addition travel pay for Walter G. Bailey, of Buckhannon, a discharged soldier; has up with the Pension Commissioner the claims of Vernon Beall of Grafton and Thomas J. Lockhart of New Cumberland.

A bill to grant increased pension—\$50 a month to Mrs. Harriett B. Hart, of Grafton has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Elkins.

Representative Wells Goodknight has been at Fairmont this week attending a meeting of the State Bar Association. He was president of the Association last year.

Many letters concerning the sugar shortage in West Virginia are coming to Senator Elkins, who may, within the next day or two, introduce a resolution to investigate the shortage. Also he has received many letters and telegrams asking him to oppose the Canyon-Anderson bill, the purpose of which is to give the government a firm grip on the "Big Five" in the meat-packing industry. Senator Kenyon, charged in the Senate, several

days ago, that the Packers were back of a propaganda to work on the new members of Congress through their constituents. He read telegrams and letters from many States to show their marked similarity in wording, form and composition. He charged that retail grocers to a large extent, were being "coerced" by the Packers' Trust to send in these protests against his bill. He declared that the employees of the big packers in every state were hard at work on the propaganda in Virginia are similar to those received from other and distant states.

Carl Hildreth, whose home it at Wyatt, W. Va., but who is with the army in France, is to be sent home at once and honorably discharged. A telegram to Representative Reed from General Pershing so stated. Mr. Reed had cabled the General a request for the release of Hildreth.

Mrs. Andrew Walker of Keyser is visiting in Washington.

Miss Roma Zinn, who is a clerk at the War Department, has gone to her home at Harrisville to visit for two weeks.

Scott Sons, of Purgittsville, W. Va. is here for a few days' visit.

Evening Chat

Red Hair.

Daily I see an unusually beautiful head of red hair bob along the street on which I live, and I admire, I imagine, a very pretty young miss in her early teens. For how could an adorably beautiful mass of hair belong to anything but a beautiful girl? But, I must confess so interested am I in the "crowning glory" of this young woman that I have failed to observe whether her features are pretty and regular and whether she has the bright pretty complexion which usually accompanies auburn hair.

The hair is a beautiful soft red, full of lights and gleams in the sun as gold gleams. It is wavy, too, and abundant and ripples down the shoulders of this young miss—who has not yet reached that age when hair naturally goes on top of the head.

This pretty head wears no hat of any kind to hide its brilliant beauty. And why should it have a covering? The most artistic of hat designers with an unlimited purse at her command could not possibly design a head piece so lovely.

I wonder as I see this pretty head passing by the owner appreciates it as she should. Or is she like most all young folks—ashamed of having red hair. Red haired children are certainly the target for all sorts of jokes and pranks. They are dubbed "sorrel top," "red," "carrot top," "brick-head" and many other equally undignified names.

But after they grow up, if not before, a girl especially—if she is the possessor of hair of auburn tint will undoubtedly see the advantage of it, and will view with sorrow any tendency it may have to turn dark.

They say red headed people are quick tempered and hotheaded, also that they are unusually quick witted and bright, too. I can't see, however, how the color of one's hair can have anything to do with one's temperament and I have seen blondes and brunettes just as quick tempered and sharp witted as their sisters with the hair of Titian tint.

There is one thing however about a

red head it never fails to attract attention and the masculine gender seem to be peculiarly susceptible to the charms of a red headed girl and are legion in the homage they pay her.

Recently it has become quite the vogue to "make the hair red" by artificial coloring—a regular bronze tint being obtained by application of the coloring. But there is no mistaking it and it is not difficult to distinguish the natural red hair and the acquired kind.

"A Jenny Wren."

"Miss Jenny Wren" paid me a visit today and perching herself on the limb of a tree with her brown coat glistening in the sun, sang for me her cherry song. I asked her if she would not stay with me and pointed out to her the advantages our lawn and garden had to offer. A tiny house of wood with an opening just big enough for a bird of her size and entirely too small for any other—tucked beneath the eaves of an out house or a pretty cottage in the crotch of a tree completely hidden by the thick foliage of the tree. Either of these I told her I thought would afford her an ideal shelter. I also pointed out to her a "cave" in the shape of a swinging board, on which food was always obtainable as well as clear sparkling water with which to quench her thirst. And further than that I showed her bath houses of various kinds and descriptions placed beneath trees and in other sheltered places.

I told her also that all the rent I exacted from the tenants of my bird kingdom was their presence and a "song."

This dainty creature cocked her pretty brown head on one side and out of a pair of adorable bright eyes and in the sweetest of bird language told me she would consider my proposition. Now I am eagerly awaiting her decision that I may know if I am to have another occupant of "my bird heaven."

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Captain Homer Barnes Here on a Furlough

Captain Homer Barnes, son of City Commissioner of Finance J. Walter Barnes, arrived in this city last evening having come here from Camp Mills, where he arrived recently with a company of casals. He has not been discharged from service as yet but is taking a furlough.

Mr. Barnes had been in the service of the government for two years, and eleven months of that time was spent overseas. He will leave this evening for Camp Sherman where he will be stationed for some time and will return here on a two weeks' furlough providing he does not soon receive his discharge from service.

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